Contact: Sandy Gutierrez Date: November 5, 2001 Release No. 01-136

MEDIA ADVISORY

SAPD to Announce New Program to Target DWI's

WHAT: News Conference

WHO: Chief Al Philippus

WHEN: Monday, November 5th

2:30 PM

WHERE: SAPD Headquarters

PIO Conference Room

Police Chief Al Philippus will announce the latest program aimed at providing more officers to detect and arrest suspected DWI's.

The DWI S.T.E.P. (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) Program is a federally funded plan by the Texas Department of Transportation to reduce alcohol/drug-related crashes by increasing the number of DWI arrests. Off-duty San Antonio Police Officers will be added to augment the existing Traffic Section in the detection, apprehension and processing of persons suspected of driving while intoxicated.

This unique approach to DWI's is scheduled to continue until September 2002, when the San Antonio Police Department will pursue grant renewal.

